

# **Draft** **PROGRAM**

*Sixty-eighth  
Annual State Meeting  
Of  
District Directors*

**TEXAS SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

**October 27 & 28, 2008**

**Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa  
Bastrop, Texas**

# ROOM DIRECTORY

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## **Registration:**

- *Pre-registration* pick-up is located in the Lost Pines Foyer
- *On-site registration* is located in the Lost Pines Foyer

**Headquarters Room:** Located in the Republic Boardroom

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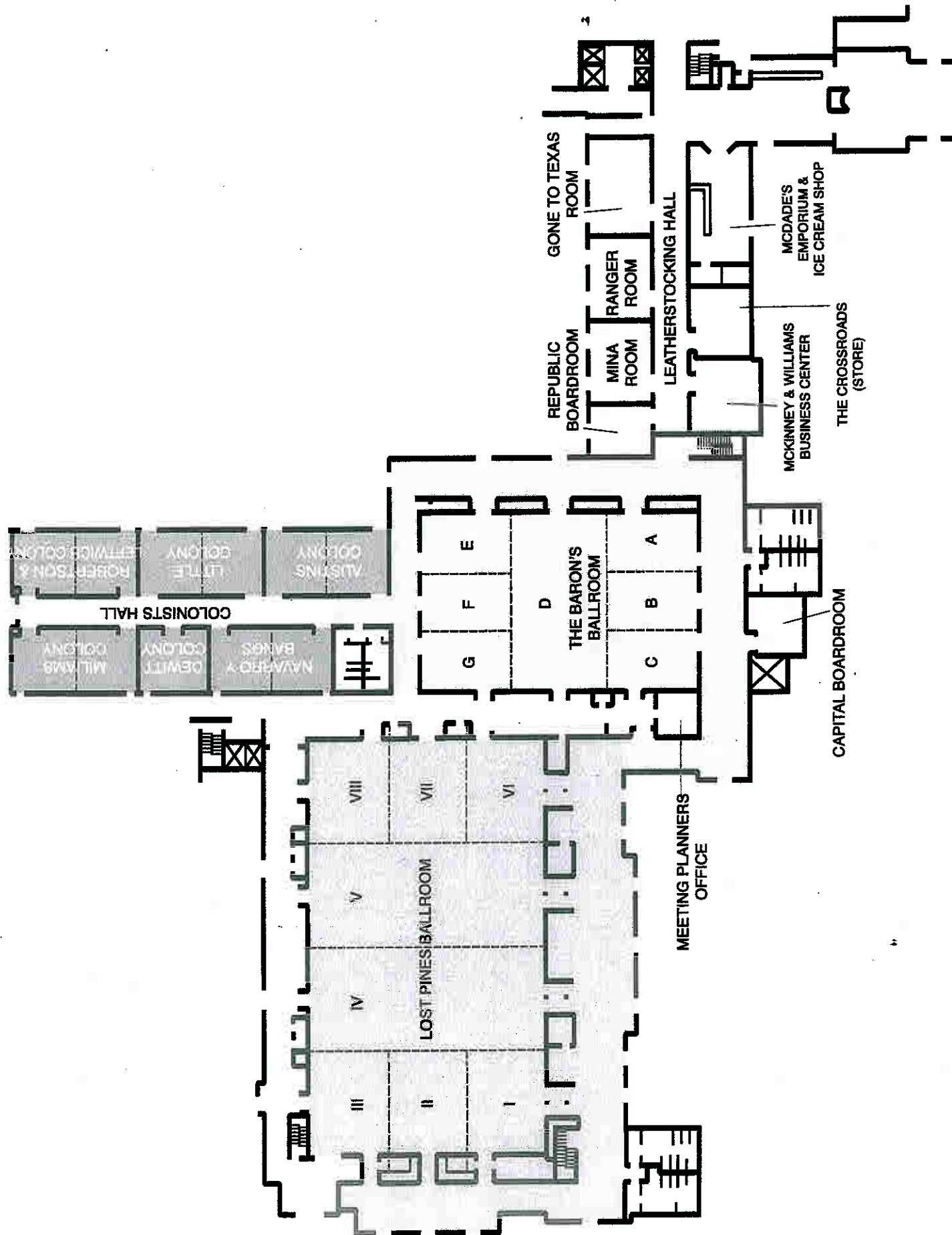
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at the On-site State Meeting Registration Desk.*

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## **DOOR PRIZES**

Door prizes are provided by the Area Associations of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Drawings will be held at the "Legislative Appreciation Banquet" on Monday evening, at various times during the General Sessions on Tuesday and at functions for the spouses. *You must be present at the drawing to win. Persons are eligible for one (1) Door Prize only.*

MEETING SPACE



# MONDAY

*October 27, 2008*

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**10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Pre-registration Pick-up and On-site Registration**  
Located in the Lost Pines Foyer

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**11:00 a.m. Association Board of Directors – Ranger Room**

**12:30 p.m. Resolutions Committee – Robertson & Leftwich Room**

**1:00 p.m. Public Information Committee – DeWitt's Colony Room**

**(Not shown in program) 1:00pm Lone Star Healthy Stream Steering Committee**  
**Navarro Y Bangs Room**

**1:00 p.m. Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors – Baron's Room D**

**1:00 p.m. Soil and Water Stewardship Committee – Milam's Colony**

**2:00 p.m. Association Board of Directors – Ranger Room**

**2:00 p.m. District Director Workshop – Baron's Room EFG**  
Farm Energy Assessments – Marva Beck, President; Texas Association  
Of RC&D Councils, Centerville

**3:00 p.m. Association of Texas Conservation District Employees**  
**Meeting – Little Colony Room**  
Electronic Records – Jed Rodgers, Government Information Analyst,  
Texas State Library & archives Commission, Austin

**3:30 p.m. Invitational Meeting**  
**“Legislation Committee” – Lost Pines Room V**

**5:00 p.m. Area Discussion Sessions –**

Area I – Baron's Room ABC

Area II – Milam's Colony Room

Area III – Lost Pines Room V

Area IV – Austin Colony

Area V – Baron's Room EFG

**MONDAY**

*October 27, 2008*

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**7:00 p.m.**

**Legislative Appreciation Banquet**

Honorable Warren Chisum, Speaker  
State Representative, Texas House District 88

*Lost Pines Grand Ballroom I-V*

**Co-sponsored by:**

*Agricultural Workers Mutual Auto Insurance Company*

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# TUESDAY

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7:30 a.m.

**Resolutions Committee – Robertson & Leftwich Room**

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Registration –**

On-site: Lost Pines Foyer

Pre-registration: Lost Pines Foyer

8:30 a.m.

**General Session -**

**Presiding** – Jerry Nichols, Chairman, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Nacogdoches, Texas

National Anthem - Kenda Mahaffey, District Employee, Bedias Creek SWCD #428

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – Nelda Garcia, Member, Association Soil & Water Stewardship Committee; Jim Wells SWCD #355;  
Ben Bolt, Texas

Welcome – Leslie Hurta, Chairman, Bastrop County SWCD #340, Smithville, Texas

Welcome – Honorable Ronnie McDonald, Bastrop County Judge, Bastrop, Texas

Address – Honorable Mike Hamilton, State Representative, State House District 19; Mauriceville, Texas **(Invited)**

Address – Honorable Todd Staples, Commissioner Department of Agriculture, Austin, Texas **(10:00 a.m.)**

Presentation of SWCD Outstanding District Award

Special District Director Recognition

Presentation of Teacher Award

Presentation of the FFA Soil & Water Stewardship Public Speaking Leadership Development Award

Presentation of State Poster Award

Address – Honorable Jerry Patterson, Commissioner, General Land Office, Austin, Texas **(After 10:30 a.m.)**

Address – Honorable Glenn Hegar, Jr., Texas Senator; State Senate District 18; Katy, Texas **(11:00 a.m.)**

Presentation of State Essay Award – (Ages 13 and under)

Presentation of State Essay Award – (Ages 14 to 18)

Address – Donald Gohmert, State Conservationist, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Temple

Address – Bill Thomas, President, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Richards, Texas

# TUESDAY

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**12:00 Noon**

## **Lunch On Your Own**

Hyatt Lost Pines Cash Barbecue Buffett

**Association Board of Directors' Invitational Lunch with  
Area Association Officers – Austin Colony Room**

**1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

## **Concurrent Workshop #1**

### **TxDOT Policies and Procedures – Lost Pines Room IV**

John A. Barton, P.E., Assistant Executive Director For Engineering Operations; Texas  
Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas

### **Watershed Structures – Operation and Maintenance Lost Pines Room V**

Dr. Dan Sebert, CEO-Executive Director, National Watershed Coalition, Chandler, Oklahoma

*1:30 p.m. (Not on the Program) Association Carbon Sequestering Planning Meeting - Robertson & Leftwich Colony Room*

**2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

## **Concurrent Workshop #2**

### **Texas Watershed Steward Program: A Water Resource Training Curriculum – Lost Pines Room IV**

Jennifer L. Peterson, Extension Program Specialist – Water Quality; Texas AgriLife Extension Service

### **Dam Safety Inspections and Related Issues – Lost Pines 5**

Warren Samuelson, Division Chief, TCEQ Dam Safety Program  
Steve Bednarz, Engineer, USDA-NRCS Watershed Program

**4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Business Session – Association of Texas Soil and Water  
Conservation Districts – Lost Pines Room IV**  
Election of Officers

Resolutions

**4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**District Employee Consultation – Ranger room**

**4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**NRCS Employees Meeting – Lost Pines Room V**

**Be Safe Traveling Home**

**Neat year's Annual State Meeting scheduled for Arlington, October 19-21, 2009**

# **TUESDAY**

*October 28, 2008*

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**12:00 noon**

**Spouses Luncheon and Program**

Luncheon will be held in the LBJ Pavilion

**Auxiliary Business Session**

**2:00 P.M. Program – LBJ Pavilion**

***Tales of Texas Presentation by LCRA***

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# MEETING EXHIBITORS

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*Agricultural Workers Mutual Insurance Company  
Bamert Seed Company  
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Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA)  
National Watershed Coalition  
Texas AgriLife Extension Service  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)  
TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool  
Truax Company  
Turner Seed Company  
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Texas  
U.S. Geological Survey*

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Dairy Farmers of America  
Deep East Texas Area Association of SWCDs  
Far West Texas Area Association of SWCDs  
Gulf Coast Area Association of SWCDs  
H & H Construction  
Harris County SWCD #442  
Hill Country Area Association of SWCDs  
North Central Texas Area Association of SWCDs  
Northeast Texas Area Association of SWCDs  
North Star Helicopters  
Panhandle Area Association of SWCDs  
Rolling Plains Area Association of SWCDs  
Seabreeze Culvert, Inc.  
South Central Texas Area Association of SWCDs  
South Plains Area Association of SWCDs  
South Texas Area Association of SWCDs  
Texas Pork Producers Association  
West Texas Area Association of SWCDs*

## **TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD**

Jerry D. Nichols, Chairman  
*Nacogdoches*

José Dodier, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
*Zapata*

Aubrey Russell, Member  
*Panhandle*

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*Rocksprings*

Barry Mahler, Member  
*Iowa Park*

Joe L. Ward, Member  
*Telephone*

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*Montgomery*

## **ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

William Thomas, Jr., President  
*Richards*

Scott Buckles, Vice-President  
*Stratford*

Ben Bono, Secretary – Treasurer  
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Cliff Caldwell, Member  
*Sterling City*

Jule Richmond, Member  
*Blanket*

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*Laredo*